# RIAG ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES TASK FORCE MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 23, 2013

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Open Session of the Board for the RIAG Environmental Crimes Task Force was called to order at 10:41a.m. on the above date in the 31-d Floor Conference Room, at the Department of Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

## **BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lt. Edward Cabral, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Christian Capizzo, RI. Attorney General's Office Stephen Creavin, Environmental Protection Agency — CID

Chief Steven Hall, R.I. Department of Environmental Management.

Gary Powers on behalf of Mary Kay, Esq., R.I. Department of Environmental Management Captain James Manni, Rhode Island State Police

Dept. Capt. Jack McIlMail, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Laura Kelley Miguel, CRMC Enforcement

Larry Mouradjian, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Judith Laliberte, on behalf of Stacey Veroni, R.I. Attorney General's Office

## **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chief David E. Chopy, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Chief John Desmarais, Cumberland Police Department

**Terrence P. Donnelly, Assistant U.S. Attorney** 

Terrence Gray, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Col. Steven O'Donnell, RI. State Police

Lt. Joseph Poccia, Rl. Department of Environmental Management INVITEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Marisa L. Coates, R.I. Department of Environmental Management Raymond Connors, Connecticut Department of Agriculture Donald Englert, RI Division of Taxation

James Firm, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture/Animal Planet Health Inspection Services/Animal Care Paula Gladue, U.S. Dept of Agriculture/Animal Planet Health Inspection Services/Animal Care Andrey Guidera, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

John Kenney, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources William Lynch, R.I. Division of Taxation

Scott N. Marshall, D.V.M., R.I. Department of Environmental Management Tammy Miller, R.I. Attorney General's Office Dr. Lorraine O'Connor, State Veterinarian, Massachusetts of Environmental Management Detective Sheila Paquette, R.I. Department of Environmental Management.

Members and Invitees review agenda. Christian Capizzo discussed

the R.I. rules and regulations of an Open Meeting. Introduction and opening remarks, review Attorney General's Five point plan to protect the environment, the goals of the Task Force, the referral sources for this meeting: RI Dem, Law Enforcement agencies, US Dept of Agriculture, RISPCA, Civil complaints directly to AG's office.

On motion of Christian Capizzo, seconded by Dept. Capt. Jack MallMail, RIDEM, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL §42-46-5(a)(4) for the discussion of investigative proceedings regarding potential allegations of civil and criminal misconduct in that confidential issues and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 10:45 am.

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Christian Capizzo made a motion to adjourn Executive Session and return to Open Session. Laura Kelley Miguell, CRM, seconded the motion; all were in favor. The Executive Session adjourned at 12:11pm.

On a motion by Christian Capizzo, seconded by Chief Steven Hall, RIDEM, all were in favor to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes.

Having no further business, Christian Capizzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Steven Hall, RIDEM. All were in favor to adjourn. Open Session of meeting adjourned at 12:12pm

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

**Ann Brown, Department of Attorney General**